

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

District of

Delaware

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

Mark Hoffman

Defendant

ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL

Case

CR07-167-SLR.

In accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), a detention hearing has been held. I conclude that the following facts require the detention of the defendant pending trial in this case.

Part I—Findings of Fact

- ☐ (1) The defendant is charged with an offense described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1) and has been convicted of a ☐ federal offense ☐ state or local offense that would have been a federal offense if a circumstance giving rise to federal jurisdiction had existed that is
- ☐ a crime of violence as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 3156(a)(4).
- ☐ an offense for which the maximum sentence is life imprisonment or death.
- ☐ an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in _____.
- ☐ a felony that was committed after the defendant had been convicted of two or more prior federal offenses described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1)(A)-(C), or comparable state or local offenses.
- ☐ (2) The offense described in finding (1) was committed while the defendant was on release pending trial for a federal, state or local offense.
- ☐ (3) A period of not more than five years has elapsed since the ☐ date of conviction ☐ release of the defendant from imprisonment for the offense described in finding (1).
- ☐ (4) Findings Nos. (1), (2) and (3) establish a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the safety of (an) other person(s) and the community. I further find that the defendant has not rebutted this presumption.

Alternative Findings (A)

- ☐ (1) There is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in _____
- ☐ under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).
- ☐ (2) The defendant has not rebutted the presumption established by finding 1 that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community.

Alternative Findings (B)

- X (1) There is a serious risk that the defendant will not appear.
- X (2) There is a serious risk that the defendant will endanger the safety of another person or the community.

Part II—Written Statement of Reasons for Detention

I find that the credible testimony and information submitted at the hearing establishes by X clear and convincing evidence X a preponderance of the evidence: Although defendant initially opposed detention, after the court ordered further investigation, defendant withdrew his objection and did not contest. Defendant is charged with receipt of child pornography, an indulgence he has been feeding for at least the last 5 years. He has not criminal history, but faces a mandatory minimum 5 years for which the rebuttable presumption applies. As a result of the first detention hearing, the court considered release only because defendant had employment and strong family support. The court has since learned that evidence provided by the family was inaccurate (the court is being charitable in its description of the representations made to it by family members). Apparently, defendant was holding onto his employment by a thread before these charges arose and since the employer learned of the true nature of the charges, defendant has been terminated from his position. Defendant has two daughter by a prior marriage, one of whom is near or just into her teens, and within the age group the defendant admitted as a preference. Evidence against defendant is substantial with not only finding of child porn websites frequented by defendant, but a library of child porn catalogued, categorized and filed. Defendant made significant admissions to investigators about his propensities and his conduct, which included joining and paying for child porn websites. For these reasons, the court finds that there are no conditions or combination thereof that will reasonable assure defendant's appearance as required and the safety of the community.

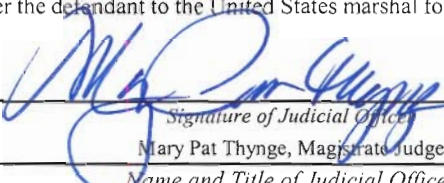


Part III—Directions Regarding Detention

The defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

January 2, 2008

Date


Signature of Judicial Officer

Mary Pat Thyng, Magistrate Judge

Name and Title of Judicial Officer

*Insert as applicable: (a) Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. § 801 *et seq.*); (b) Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. § 951 *et seq.*); or (c) Section 1 of Act of Sept. 15, 1980 (21 U.S.C. § 955a).